



The Benefits

- Participants receive free room and board. There are no charges to attend the camp.
- At the conclusion of the camp, there will be a formal graduation ceremony for friends and family.
- Cadet graduates receive Minnesota State Patrol t-shirts and hats — and most importantly, a unique experience.

License and Registration Forms, Please

To step into the world of the Minnesota State Patrol, candidates must be 16–18 years old and submit the registration documents provided by the State Patrol Training Center.

To receive the registration documents, contact Kathy Walker at 651-628-6971

If you're selected as a cadet, you'll be sent a congratulatory letter and additional information approximately a month before the camp starts.



Camp Ripley



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The 2008
 Minnesota State Patrol
 High School
 Summer Camp

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Test Drive an Exciting Career

Just say no to cubicles — and say 'hello' to an exciting career.



The State Patrol High School Summer Camp serves as an introduction for high school students interested in a career in law enforcement to learn what it takes to become a Minnesota State Trooper — through realistic and exciting activities.

As a cadet, you will experience that the State Patrol offers a lot of adventures — all under one cool hat.

What Is the Minnesota State Patrol?

There's a good chance you've seen the maroon and gold squad cars lighting up Minnesota roads in hot pursuit — hopefully not in your rear-view mirror.

The State Patrol has been in the business of enforcing traffic laws since 1929. Today, more than 500 troopers ensure a safe travel environment for every motorist.

But the work of the State Patrol also merges off the highway. Troopers conduct air patrols, search and rescue missions, and serve as security for the governor and State Capitol. Troopers also use advanced technology to investigate and reconstruct crash scenes.

The life as a state trooper is different everyday, with unique challenges and opportunities down every road. The best part is, as a trooper, you're always in the driver's seat.



Fasten Your Seat Belts

So long, dull summer job. These action-packed camp activities will make you think twice about ever flipping burgers again:

- Ride shotgun during a trooper's road patrol.
 - Fly in a Patrol helicopter for a bird's eye view of a trooper's work in the sky.
 - Shoot trooper firearms — and learn how to use them safely.
 - Work with a trooper's best friend — drug-sniffing dogs.
 - Conduct a mock traffic stop-and-arrest.
 - Navigate an obstacle course with "tata vision goggles" to understand the dangers of impaired driving.
- In addition to the interesting learning programs, cadets will have time to relax and enjoy volleyball, new friends, and a send-off barbecue.

Basic Training

Ten-hut! At ease. The camp's leaders aren't drill sergeants, though they will demand much of you. The purpose of the camp is to give you a realistic experience of what real cadets must go through to become a trooper. The instructors' role is to teach, mentor and motivate.

State Patrol University

Sharpen your pencils to participate in interactive camp classes about all

things State Patrol. Courses are led by troopers who are experts in their fields:

- Crash investigation.
- Commercial vehicle enforcement.
- Fitness and wellness.
- First aid.
- History of the State Patrol.
- Media relations.
- Speed and DWI enforcement.
- Vehicle stops.

Up at the Crack of Yawn

Since life at the camp is jam-packed with learning experiences and activities, every hour is necessary to get the most out of each day. Translation: a 6 a.m. wake-up call. Everyday. The good news is you'll have the rest of the summer to sleep in.

Each day includes morning work-outs, flag detail, class and field training, as well as three meals and personal time.

A detailed schedule of activities will be issued to accepted cadets.